THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The proposals for the Eighth Five Year Plan are yet to be finalised.

(c) Industrialisation of a particular area or a State is essentially the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplement the efforts of the State Governments by offering incentives such as concessional finance, priority in licensing, etc. for entrepreneurs setting up industrial units in the centrally identified backward areas. The letters of intent (LOIs) and industrial licences (ILs) issued for the backward areas during the 7th Plan period (1985—90) are given below:—

	LOI	IL
1985 . . .	774	427
1986 . . .	621	278
1987 . . .	536	192
1988 . . .	551	153
1989 . . .	553	175
1990 (up to Sept.) .	337	111

Displaced persons from erstwhile east Pakistan Living in Karnal, Haryana

477. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Illustrated weekly of India, dated July 8, 1990 regarding plight of displaced persons from erstwhile East Pakistan (Now Bangladesh) living in Mahila Ashram, Karnal Haryana; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to various complaints reported in the article?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the Government of Haryana who have informed that they are acquiring land from the Haryana Urban Development Authority for the resettlement of the migrant families living in the Mahila Ashram, Karnal. The Government of Haryana have further added that the issue of construction of houses on the said land is being taken up with their Housing Board. As regards other rehabilitation benefits to be given to the migrant families of Mahila Ashram, Karnal, the State Govt. have stated that these benefits would be given to these families as per the approved scale applicable to the migrants in various states of the country.

Posts reserved for SCs|STs in Central Public Sector Undertakings

478. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for SCs|STs in higher category of various Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) the steps taken to fill up the above mentioned posts so far and reasons for not getting required personnel;

(c) whether Government are reviewing and identifying higher categories of posts in Central Public Sector Undertakings for which SC|ST candidates are not available; and

(d) the programmes taken up for training the required personnel to fill up the reserved vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (d) The number of posts reserved for SC|ST in higher category (Group A) of various public sector undertakings was 3231 as on 31-3-1990.

Various steps have been taken to fill up these posts by the public sector undertakings. A Special Recruitment Drive has

been launched by the public sector undertaking to wipe out the back-log As in the Government, relaxations and concessions with regard to age limit, examination fee, reimbursement of travelling expenses for attending interviews, separate interviews for candidates belonging to SCs|STs, inclusion of a member belonging to SCs|STs in DPCs|Selection Committees apart from relaxation in standard and experience have been extended to public sector undertakings. De-reservation in direct recruitment has been banned in public sector undertakings.

The short fall in higher category is mainly due to non-availability of suitable SC|ST candidates in technical disciplines. Most of the public sector undertakings being in the manufacturing|production sector, there is a pre-ponderance of technical posts in higher category. Public sector undertakings have been advised to organise pre-recruitment training to SC|ST candidates, scholarship schemes for SC|ST students studying in IITs, IIMs, Regional Engineering Colleges etc. Training programmes are being organised for the executives of public sector undertakings to ensure compliance of reservation orders in employment. The progress of intake of SCs/STs in public sector undertakings at various levels is being monitored closely.

Committee to enquire the working of Cement Corporation of India

479. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up a committee to enquire into the working of the Cement Corporation of India;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report; and

(c) the action taken on the recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) An Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. H. C. Visvasvaraya, former Chairman & Director General, National Council for Cement and Building Materials made a comprehensive review of the working of Cement Corporation of India Ltd. The Committee submitted its Interim Report on the 30th April, 1986 and the Final Report in March, 1988.

(c) Most of the recommendations suggested by the Committee have betn implemented, while some of them are to be implemented on a continuing basis.

Women's Cooperative Under KVIC

480. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any women's cooperatives under KVIC to promote interests of women in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details of such cooperatives together with the details of incentives| assistance available to such co-operatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): Yes, Sir. There are some cooperatives under the fold of KVIC which are exclusively manned by women for the welfare of women folk in rural areas.

(b) The following cooperatives are run by women under different trades of KVIC which are financed by respective State KVI Boards except at Sl. No. 9:—

Name of the cooperative	Programme/Scheme
1. Women's India Trust, Panvel . . .	Fruit & vegetable products.
2. Shri Mahila Grihe Udyog Lijat Papad having various branches throughout the country.	Papad & Masala making.
3. Destitute Women Soap Mfg. ICS Ltd. Telprolu (Andhra Pradesh)	Non edible Oils & Soap.
4. Kerala Soap Industries Federation, Calicut .	Do.